



## Donald Black

May 20, 1930 - May 20, 2010

Donald A. Black, 80, of Crystal Falls, went home to the Lord on Thursday, May 20, 2010.

He was born Nov. 1, 1929, in Steubenville, Ohio, son of the late Florrid and Caroline (Noble) Black. In 1948, at the age of 19, Don enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he traveled the world aboard the USS Kittyhawk. In 1951, he was stationed on the USS Requin, a submarine, where he completed 2,154 dives, as well as serving as a diving instructor.

During his career in the Navy, he met and married Beverly Koenen. They had four children, Randy, Brian, Donna and an infant son (Randy's twin), who went to be with the Lord at birth.

After being honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1954, Don was employed by the U.S. Post Office for several years. He then went to work for Wisconsin Electric Power Co. as an auxiliaries operator and served as the union steward.

On Dec. 29, 1987, Don married Martha (Paulsen) Stacy-Black in Milwaukee, and upon his retirement in 1988, they moved to Crystal Falls. He was a member of Guardian Angels Catholic Church and the Kiwanis Club, where he served as lieutenant governor for the local district. Don loved baseball, and

played softball for We Energies. He also enjoyed playing Scrabble, always letting his opponent win, gardening, birds, and attending Milwaukee Brewers games.

Don was a good father, grandfather and great-grandfather, who loved spending time with family and friends. He always put others first, and made sure everyone around him was comfortable. He was a selfless man, who took in many people over the years, and shared with them his knowledge, experience and love.

He is survived by three sons, Randy (Virginia) Black, Brian (Kathy) Black and Daniel Reed; three daughters, Donna (Chris) Page, Annette (Edward) Jordanowski and Monica Cain; 11 grandchildren, Ryan and Jason Page, Corby and Darrell Jordanowski, Giene and Christi Cain, Stephanie Lawnicki, Jamie Andersen, and Eric, Craig and Beverlee Messling; eight great-grandchildren, Elijah Jordanowski, Hailey Jordanowski and Dylan Maki-McCole, Kianna and Rimick Cain, Mariah Campbell, Denontae Cain and Olivia Hawkins; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his loving "bride", Martha in October 2000; his grandparents; two brothers, Jack and Jim Black; and a grandson, Walter (P-Wee) Cain Jr.

The Eastside Veterans Council will conduct a pass-in-review at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Crystal Falls. A rosary service will begin at 10:45 a.m. at the church, followed by the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Fr. Jeffrey Kurtz will officiate.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to Darrell, Stephanie and Elijah for the special love and care given to Don, which helped him remain at home. Also special thanks to Allen Goodman, R.N., Dr. Choragudi, Dr. Sand,

Dr. Gendron, the entire staff at the V.A. Hospital, Cliff and Claire McLain and especially to Christi, for stopping by frequently, and bringing the newspaper to her "Gramps."

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Donald A. Black online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net).

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Military Pass-in-Review

MAY 25. 10:30 AM (CT)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church  
412 Crystal Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Rosary

MAY 25. 10:45 AM (CT)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church  
412 Crystal Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Funeral Mass

MAY 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church  
412 Crystal Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ *there are many great family get togethers out at the house. I will miss you much.*

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**aylia roth - fayetteville, NC** - June 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Dad will be greatly missed by all of my family. He was always there to help whenever and wherever, it was needed. Generous to a fault sometimes, but loved being able to help. He was happiest when he was doing things to make his "bride" happy. We can believe that he is very happy now. He is back with his beloved Martha, dancing, singing and having her in his arms again. Watching over all of us with her. Well, all of his 'partners' will miss him, and he will always be loved. Happy trails , Dad till we meet again. I love you.*

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**Monica Cain - Daughter** - May 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out the family... You will be greatly missed Grandpa Don. You were such an awesome person and I am sooo thankful to have had you in my life...I know you are at peace with your beloved wife Martha....Love, Neva Jean*

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**Neva Javenkoski - OK - Friend** - May 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ To the Family of Don Black, Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you adjust to Don's passing. We are grateful to him and the many others who served our country with pride. Your obituary to him is a heartfelt tribute. Sincerely, John and Lorna (Don's neighbors on Kalla Walla Trail)

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**John and Lorna Anderson** - May 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ With my deepest sympathies to all of Don's family members. Don & Martha breezed into my life about 20 years ago, along with many family members. In the period of time I got to know them, we cried together & laughed. Shared stories of children being born, for Don it was great- grandchildren, some the same age as my kids. When Martha passed away I shed some tears with him, when P-Wee left this earth, the tears were shared again. I shared my tears this time with Monica since he has left this earth. I know Don is in a better place, Martha was waiting at the gates, P-Wee not far behind. May God keep all of you in is comfort as you adjust to Don being gone. My thoughts & prayers,

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**Jennifer Flynn - Kingsford, MI** - May 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM